

BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY

MINUTES OF MEETING

May 22, 2014

Open Session

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The Open Session of the Board of Psychology met on the above date in Room 104, Rhode Island Department of Health, 3 Capitol Hill, Providence, RI, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meeting Law, so called, and other applicable provisions of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island, as amended.

Board Members in attendance: Board Members not in attendance:

Peter Oppenheimer, Ph.D., Chair James Campbell, Ph.D.

Charles E. Maynard, M.S.

Margaret Paccione-Dyslewski, Ph.D. Staff members in attendance:

J. Michel Martineau

A quorum was established and the meeting was called to order at 8:10 AM. Members reviewed the Open agenda.

Members address transition of the board administrator position and state appreciation to this administrator. Dr. Oppenheimer asks that this note be made in the Minutes to ask the new administrator to please contact him to review relevant current issues.

Board members again express displeasure with the parking policy of locking the gates and ask if there is an update. This administrator indicates the update is that construction work continues in the underground garage and suggests this directly relates to the recently enforced parking policy.

Charles Maynard makes a motion to make a correction to the Open Minutes from March 13, 2014; it is seconded by Dr. Paccione-Dyslewski and is passed unanimously. Dr. Oppenheimer makes a motion to accept the amended Minutes, seconded by Dr. Paccione-Dyslewski, it passed unanimously.

Members review the communication on TeleHealth. Members note RI Law does not specifically address TeleHealth, but state if the patient lives in RI, the psychologist must be licensed in RI, and they may use the ten day exemption (Regulations Section 2.9) to meet this requirement.

Dr. Oppenheimer notes there is proposed legislation to address TeleHealth for all professions in RI; he adds that ASPPB and RIPA may choose to add their input.

Members review the communication from ASPPB referencing PLUS

credentialing service, they cite the benefits and possible shortcomings of credentialing services.

Members review the inquiry from ASPPB on the subject of medication recommendations. Members indicate psychologists should follow the ethics of the issue and they may discuss the benefits of medication to a patient.

Adjournment to Executive Session

Dr. Oppenheimer made a motion to adjourn to Executive Session, seconded by Charles Maynard, it was unanimously voted to adjourn to Executive Session pursuant to sections 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws, as Amended, in that confidential issues of fitness for licensure and investigative cases will be discussed. The Open Session adjourned at 8:50 AM.

Return to Open Session

The Open Session was called back to order at 9:30 AM. On motion of Dr. Oppenheimer, seconded by Charles Maynard, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in Closed Session and to seal those minutes inasmuch as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

Board Chair Oppenheimer reports that the Minutes of the executive session held on March 13, 2014 were presented and passed unanimously.

Dismissed C14-0201

Adjournment

Having no further business, on motion of Charles Maynard, seconded by Dr. Oppenheimer, it was unanimously voted to adjourn. The Open Session of the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Michel Martineau

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